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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ANTOINE GIZENGA REPORTED IN LUANDA

1. CLEOPHAS KAMITATU, ONE OF MANY ZAIRE POLITICIANS IN EXILE, CALLED AT EMBASSY MONDAY FOR TOUR D'HORIZON ON CURRENT CRISIS. KAMITATU SAID THAT ANTOINE GIZENGA DEPARTED PARIS DURING WEEKEND OF MARCH 19 FOR LUANDA. ASKED IF GIZENGA IS ONE OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS BEHIND THE KATANGESE GENDARME INVASION OF SHABA PROVINCE, KAMITATU EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT GIZENGA HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. HE HAS RUSHED OFF TO LUANDA TO TRY AND GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION.

2. IN KAMITATU'S OPINION, THE GENDARMES HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH MOBUTU FOR SOME TYPE OF HONEST REINTEGRATION FOR THE PAST YEAR THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT NGOUABI. KAMITATU SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS THROUGH A CONTACT NAMED KITHOMBO (PHONETIC) WHO REPRESENTED THE GENDARMES IN PARIS. MOBUTU WAS NEVER VERY FORTHCOMING, HOWEVER, AND KAMITATU REASONS THAT THE GENDARMES DECIDED TO GO BACK ONCE AND FOR ALL. IT IS IN NETO'S INTEREST TO HELP THE GENDARMES BECAUSE THE OPERATION
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KEEPS MOBUTU OFF BLANCE AND GETS THE GENDARMES OUT OF ANGOLA.

3. ASKED WHAT ADVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO MOBUTU, KAMITATU SAID HE JUST DESPATCHED A LETTER TO KINSHASA THROUGH THE ZAIRE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDING THAT MOBUTU MAKE AN OFFER TO REINTEGRATE THE GENDARMES INTO THE ZAIRE NATIONAL ARMY WITHOUT PREJUDICE, JUST AS NIMEIRY DID WITH THE ANYA ANYA IN SUDAN. THIS WOULD HAVE

TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY IRONCLAD GUARANTEES AGAINST TREACHERY.
KAMITATU SAID A MOBUTO OFFER OF THAT TYPE WOULD UNDERCUT
EFFORTS TO POLITICISE THE GENDARMES BY PEOPLE LIKE GINZENG.
NETO WOULD ALSO HAVE A HARD TIME KNOCKING IT.

4. COMMENT: FOREGOING TRANSMITTED FOR WHAT ITS IS WORTH.
FROM OUR NARROW PERSPECTIVE, KAMITATU'S SUGGESTION, AS WELL
AS ANY OTHER THAT FOCUSES ON AN INTERNAL ZAIRE POLITICAL
SOLUTION, WOULD BE WORTH CONSIDERING.
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